

Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund Pilot

***Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
(Coalition of Cities of Englewood, Lakewood, Loveland, and Denver)***

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Quick Reference Fact Sheet

EPA's Brownfields Economic Redevelopment Initiative is designed to empower states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic redevelopment to work together in a timely manner to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield is a site, or portion thereof, that has actual or perceived contamination and an active potential for redevelopment or reuse. EPA is funding: assessment demonstration pilot programs (each funded up to \$200,000 over two years), to assess brownfields sites and to test cleanup and redevelopment models; job training pilot programs (each funded up to \$200,000 over two years), to provide training for residents of communities affected by brownfields to facilitate cleanup of brownfields sites and prepare trainees for future employment in the environmental field; and, cleanup revolving loan fund programs (each funded up to \$500,000 over five years) to capitalize loan funds to make loans for the environmental cleanup of brownfields. These pilot programs are intended to provide EPA, states, tribes, municipalities, and communities with useful information and strategies as they continue to seek new methods to promote a unified approach to site assessment, environmental cleanup, and redevelopment.

BACKGROUND

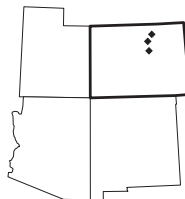
The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) BCRLF represents a coalition partnership among the Cities of Lakewood, Englewood, Loveland, and Denver. Commerce City, awarded a BCRLF pilot in 1997, will be joining the coalition. The combined population of these communities is approximately 750,000. Portions of Denver are part of a federally designated Enterprise Zone; Englewood is part of the state Arapaho County Enterprise Zone, and Lakewood is part of the West Colfax Enterprise Zone.

The Colorado coalition BCRLF will target environmental contamination at sites in the Denver Enterprise Zones and areas that have lower income and/or minority populations in each coalition member community. Lakewood, Englewood, Denver, and Commerce are Brownfield Assessment Pilots, and Loveland has been the subject of a targeted brownfield assessment.

BCRLF OBJECTIVES

Currently, there are no public brownfields cleanup funding sources available to the private sector in Colorado, and banks have not been providing loans for

PILOT SNAPSHOT



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Amount: \$1.7 million

BCRLF Target Area:
Target sites in each coalition
community.

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additional Pilot information, brownfields news and events, and
publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at:
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cleanup. The Colorado coalition BCRLF will help fill this financing gap. Initially, the BCRLF will focus on the Denver Metro area and the City of Loveland.

FUND STRUCTURE AND OPERATIONS

CDPHE will serve as lead agency and will assist the coalition communities in carrying out site management responsibilities. The Colorado Housing and Finance Authority (CHFA) will serve as fund manager. The \$1.7 million award will be allocated among Englewood, Lakewood, Loveland, and Denver. (Funding is allocated among the coalition members as follows: (1) Denver - \$500,000; (2) Englewood - \$500,000; (3) Loveland - \$350,000; and (4) Lakewood - \$350,000). A Board of Directors comprised of representatives from each of the local government partners will provide policy direction for the BCRLF pilot. All loans will be reviewed and approved by the Board. Interest rates will be set below current market rates. It is estimated that between 6 and 18 loans (one to three in each local area) will be made initially.

LEVERAGING

The Colorado coalition BCRLF will be used in conjunction with tax incentives in the State's Enterprise Zones, where applicable, and numerous other financial incentives offered at the local level. Within the City and County of Denver, projects eligible for low cost cleanup loans from the BCRLF also may be eligible for tax increment financing through the Denver Urban Renewal Authority. Denver projects also may leverage resources for the BCRLF from a other federal, state, and local sources.

Use of BCRLF Pilot funds must be in accordance with CERCLA, and all CERCLA restrictions on use of funding also apply to BCRLF funds.
